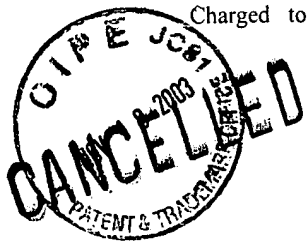


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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicant requests that the time for taking action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for:

( ) one month (X) three months  
( ) two months ( ) four months

The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17 for a three-month extension of time is \$980.00.

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☐ Applicant is a small entity entitled to pay reduced fees in this application.

A verified small entity statement:

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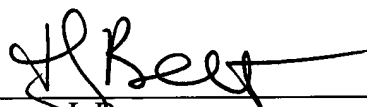
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☐ Response/ Amendment ☐ Notice of Appeal ☐ Appeal Brief

☒ Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

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